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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

SUGIHARA, et al.

Serial No.: 08/913,811

Filing Date: September 24, 1997

For: METHOD FOR MEASURING
PHYSIOCOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES
OF TISSUES OR CELLS, METHOD
FOR EXAMINING CHEMICALS, AND
APPARATUS THEREFOR

Examiner: C. Spiegel

Group Art Unit: 1641

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 17, 1998. This extension will extend the time the response is due from August 17, 1998 to December 17, 1998.

- ☒ A four months extension is requested; the extension fee is \$1,360.00.
☒ A check in the amount of \$1,360.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 356972020100. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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